

REMARKS

Claims 8 to 15 are in the application. They replace original claims 1-7 which have been deleted.

As a result of the foregoing amendment, claim 1 has been replaced by claim 8 which makes clear that the actual grip (10) has to be distinguished from the push-button switch (20). All subsequent subparagraphs of claim 1 deal only with the push-button switch, and not with grip (10).

As already recognized by the Examiner, and as recited in paragraph c) of claim 8, the invention provides for the use of two structural units (21, 31). The first structural unit (21) is mentioned in subparagraphs d) and e), and the structure of the second structural unit (31) results from paragraph f) of claim 8.

After these structural units are completely preassembled as recited in paragraph c) of claim 8, the structural units are assembled, wherein a projecting shell edge (43) of the first structural unit protrudes beyond the rear side of the second structural unit (31).

In this connection, the language "protruding shell edge (43)" of the first structural unit (21) has been taken from lines two and three of previous claim 2.

The gist of the present invention resides in the manner in which the two structural units (21, 22) are secured in their position of insertion. This primarily results from paragraph h) of claim 8, on which are based the last two paragraphs i) and k) of claim 8. Thus, the safety plate (37) engages behind the second structural unit (31) at the rear side of its board (33) and is attached to the protruding shell edge of the first structural unit (21).

This configuration can not be found in the prior art of record.

In the following, it will be demonstrated how the present invention as claimed is not disclosed or suggested by the art of record.

Concerning the reference to Sueyoshi, it is respectfully submitted that it is not correct to interpret the ground

plate (72) of Sueyoshi as the securing plate of the invention. The ground plate (72) of the reference is a support which is attached by means of screws (116, 128) visible in Figs 11, 12 and 13 by means of the operating handle (7).

Moreover, in the reference to Sueyoshi, the main body (70) with its protrusions (78, 70b, 70c) is not the housing of a structural component belonging to the push-button switch, but is already part of the main body (70) of the operating handle (7). The push-button switch (20) which is to be compared with that of the present invention is only composed of the switch holder (51) and the push button (53). The switch (50) according to the reference is fastened by means of a lug (51a) of its switch holder (51) by means of a screw (28) to the ground plate (72) and the main body (70) of the operating handle (7). This is particularly clear from Fig. 13. As seen in Figs. 11 and 13, the push button (50) of the reference is already finished before it is attached to the ground plate (72) by means of the screw (128); rearwardly connected electrical lines (139) are already connected to the switch holder (51) and a casting substance (141) is applied at that location, while an electrically operated push button

(53) is placed on the front stairs. In Fig. 14, the structural component (72c) mentioned by the Examiner comes into contact only after the assembly of the above-mentioned means (50), i.e., when the aforementioned means (50) has assembled the grip, during the grip assembly includes the grips section (70a) at the cover (71).

Consequently, the reference to Sueyoshi does not disclose or suggest a first structural unit as set forth in the forth and fifth paragraphs of the claim of the present application, wherein the dignitaries are held together with a securing plate (37). Therefore, it is not necessary to carry out an assembly of the plates according to the present invention in the sense of the seventh paragraph of claim 1 of the present application. In addition, it is also not necessary to secure the structural units in accordance with the third paragraph of claim 1.

Concerning the Japanese reference, it is noted that the Examiner is correct that this reference includes a printed circuit board (20) which appears to be missing in Sueyoshi. In this Japanese reference, a printed circuit board (20) is provided which is anchored in the support saddle (61) and is

not provided with any fastening means at the rear side thereof, as is the case in the securing plate (37) of the present invention. Significantly, in the Japanese reference, the circuit board (20) is not an element which participates in the assembly of two structural components of the control unit (3).

In the Japanese reference, the grip (10) can clearly be seen in the drawing. In the reference, the grip (10) is called a door-handle-body (10). The door-handle-body (10) is already in the mounted state in the push-button (3).

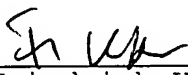
The new claim 11 of this application is based on original claim 1, third paragraph, line 1, and also on the original German description in the WO-Gazette, page 5, last paragraph, to page six, first paragraph.

Accordingly, in view of the foregoing, it is submitted that it is clear that the prior art of record does not disclose or suggest the present invention as claimed.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

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